

(b) if so, the main demands of the workers ; and

(c) whether any firm and immediate steps have been taken by Government to meet their demands ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHIB P. SHINDE) :** (a) There was no general strike by the workers of the Food Corporation of India in Kerala State. The employees of the Food Corporation of India stationed in Kerala, were however on a "Pen down strike" between 3-7-1971 and 7-7-1971.

(b) The main demand of the Union was against the induction of fresh State Government deputationists in vacancies arising as a result of repatriation of the State Government employees. The union demanded that if at all the deputationists from the State Government were to be taken, they should be taken only in the lowest grade.

(c) Yes, Sir. An agreement was reached on the demands of the Union, as a result of which the Union, withdrew the agitation on 7th July, 1971.

#### High-Yielding Package Programme for Dairying

\*1598. **SHRI V. N. P. SINGH :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Dairy Research Institute has formulated a high-yielding "package programme" for dairying; and

(b) if so, the main features thereof ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHER SINGH) :** (a) Yes.

(b) This package programme for dairying includes (i) high-yielding dairy animals ; (ii) development of suitable crop rotation programmes ; (iii) proper feeding practices ; (iv) proper health control ; and (v) adequate credit facilities.

#### Confederation of Employees Association in Newspapers and News Agencies

\* 600. **SHRI MUHAMMED SHERIFF :** Will the Minister of LABOUR AND REHABILITATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Secretary-General of the Indian Federation of Working Journalists stressed the need for setting up a confederation of employees association in newspapers and news agencies ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto ?

**THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND REHABILITATION (SHRI R. K. KHADILKAR) :** (a) and (b). We have seen some reports about the proposal concerning the sitting up of such a confederation. It is essentially a matter for Associations concerned to consider and decide.

#### Working Capacities of Plants Set up by Seeds Corporation in Mysore

\*1603. **SHRI DHARMARAO AFZALPURKAR :** Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the plants set up by Seeds Corporation are working as per scheduled capacity in Mysore State :

(b) if so, their capacity plant-wise ; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by Government so that these plants work to their capacity ?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ANNASAHIB P. SHINDE) :** (a) The National Seeds Corporation had set up three seed processing plants at Haveri, Jamkhandi and Ghataprabha in Mysore State and these are not working as per their scheduled capacity at present.

(b) The capacity of the plants at Haveri and Jamkhandi is 7000 quintals per annum each and the Ghataprabha plant can process 3,000 quintals per annum.

(c) The National Seeds Corporation has reviewed the working of the Plants and in view of the small quantities of seeds coming up for processing at Ghataprabha it has been decided to close down this plant. The area under seed production around Haveri and Jamkhandi processing plants is being increased to feed the scheduled capacity of the plants and to make these viable units.

#### Satyagraha Launched by Durgapur Steel Officers' Association

\*1604. **SHRI SUBODH HANSDA :** Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Durgapur Steel Officers'